



## FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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**Welcome back to Friday Night Facts!** It has been a very busy week at the Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives. We participated in the Indiana Leadership Summit hosted by Governor Daniels and the Indiana Humanities Council, conducted training sessions about Rx for Indiana, provided the welcome message for a conference hosted by FSSA-Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, negotiated several AmeriCorps grantee contracts with the Corporation for National Service and continued with planning for the AmeriCorps Swearing-In Ceremony, the 2006 Governor's Conference on Community Service and Volunteerism and our own "Roadshow" that will take place this fall. You will hear about all of these varied events as they evolve. Have a good week!

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## Senior Corps...The Retirement Package Everyone's Talking About

Senior Corps is a network of programs that tap the experience, skills, and talents of older citizens to meet community challenges. Through its three programs – Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP (the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) – more than 9,000 Hoosiers age 55 and over assist over 1,400 local nonprofits, public agencies, and faith-based organizations in carrying out their missions.

**RSVP (the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)** volunteers serve their communities in myriad other ways, including preparing residents for human-made and natural disasters, mentoring the children of incarcerated parents, conducting neighborhood safety patrols, and assisting Hoosiers in their time of need. RSVP volunteers may receive reimbursement for meals and transportation.

The **Foster Grandparent Program** provides a way for those 60 and over whose incomes are limited to serve as extended family members to children and youth with exceptional needs. Foster Grandparents serve in schools, hospitals, correctional institutions, daycare facilities, and Head Start centers. Last year in Indiana Foster Grandparents touched the lives of more than 2,500 young Hoosiers.

The **Senior Companion Program** provides a way for those 60 and over, whose incomes are limited, to provide assistance and friendship to adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as grocery shopping and bill paying. They also provide relief to caregivers, and alert doctors and family members to potential problems. Over 275 Hoosiers were able to maintain independence in their homes last year thanks to the efforts of Senior Corps volunteers.

Both Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions serve 20 hours a week and earn \$2.65 an hour for their service.

### More Information

To learn more about Senior Corps in Indiana, opportunities to participate, and ways to support the programs, contact the Corporation for National and Community Service's Indiana Office at (317) 226-6724.

## THE WHITE HOUSE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The White House Internship Program offers an excellent opportunity to serve our President and explore public service. We are seeking exceptional candidates to apply for this highly competitive program. In addition to normal office duties, interns attend weekly lectures, tours, and complete an intern service project. Interns may serve a term in the Fall, Spring, or Summer. All candidates must be 18 years of age, hold United States citizenship, and be enrolled in a college or university.

We hope you will explore our White House Intern Website for additional information at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/wh-intern.html>.

To apply, read and complete the White House Intern Application. A strong application includes the following:

- \* sound academic credentials
- \* history of community involvement and leadership
- \* solid verbal/written communication skills
- \* demonstrated interest in public service

Please submit the completed application to Ann Gray, White House Intern Coordinator, by the appropriate due date. The Fall, 2005 application deadline is July 1, 2005. If you have questions or concerns, contact Ann by phone, (202)456-2502 or by e-mail, [agrayint@WHO.eop.gov](mailto:agrayint@WHO.eop.gov)

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**Rx for Indiana** had a very busy week! First a direct mail piece was delivered to thousands of households around the state to suggest that the recipient should try the website or telephone number to determine if they were eligible for prescription assistance. As a result of the direct mail, thousands of Hoosiers went on the website. Currently 80,192 people have logged on to [www.rxforindiana.org](http://www.rxforindiana.org) or called 1-877-795-0763 to determine if they are eligible for assistance. 73.10% or 58,617 people have been initially qualified for prescription drug assistance. This is good news for Hoosiers.

Additionally, the Trustees of Allen County gathered on Monday morning to learn how to use Rx for Indiana. All of the trustees indicated that if they were able to help their clients lower their prescription drug cost, many of their clients would no longer need assistance from the Trustee's office. What a great idea and service! It turns out that Rx for Indiana has a far reaching impact and it might just help you as well. Log on or call to find out if you, a friend or family member qualifies!

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## The Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana Proudly Presents the YP Jam 2005 "Building Leaders For Life" July 6th & 7th, 2005

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